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## Queens' Court Held At Camp Garaywa

Fourteen girls who reached the rank of Queen Regent in Service are seen at the Queens' Court held March 11-13 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton and sponsored by the WMU. From left, seated: Phyllis Jewell, Calvary Church, Columbus; Becky Wooten, First, Ocean Springs; Rose Cafalee, First, Leland; Lynn Blackmon, Tuckers' Crossing, Laurel; Kathy Flowers, Pine Grove, Ellisville; Janice Scoggin, Pine

Grove, Ellisville. Standing: Robin Blackmon, Tuckers' Crossing, Laurel; Sandra Brunson, Tuckers' Crossing, Laurel; Jackie Tutor, Locke Station, Batesville; Mary McCarty, Edon, Stringer; Ann Griffing, New Hope, Gulfport; Susan Campbell, Meadville; Sheila Dewese, State Boulevard, Meridian; Ellen Canton, South McComb.

## Eastland Seeks Prayer For Schools

WASHINGTON — Senator James O. Eastland has introduced a bill to allow prayer in the schoolroom.

Eastland said his bill will "restore religious freedom to this nation" by permitting prayer and meditation in public schools and other public buildings. He called the action "a declaration of religious independence on the part of the Congress and the people of America."

The Mississippian said he is hopeful for "favorable action" in the Senate. The measure—introduced every year since the controversial Supreme Court decision outlawing school prayers—gained greater support a year ago. It was originally introduced by the late Republican Minority Leader, Senator Everett Dirksen.

"It is time that Congress responded to the cry of the people in this matter of religious freedom," Eastland said. "We must stand up and be counted in this most vital area of our national life."

He pointed out that the country had been founded "on the basis of freedom of religion—for one and all"—and added, "It is essential that the right of public prayer be restored to the classroom and to our children."

He called on Congress to "act boldly" in the matter of religious freedom. "We must take our stand before every vestige of freedom is taken away from us," he added.

## Executive Committee Sets Kentucky Meeting

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its March meeting here appointed three new missionaries and employed a physician for a year of special project service and three medical students for eight-week stints in Baptist hospitals this summer.

The board also heard plans for the agency's slated meeting and missionary appointment service in Louisville in April, scheduled to coincide with a board of trustees meeting at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual youth night.

In major reports to the board, the agency's secretary for Africa told of "optimistic" prospects of continuing missionary presence in Nigeria, and the director of the board's Overseas Division discussed the developing trend for the word "mission" to displace the terminology, "missions."

The new missionaries are Dr. and Mrs. William M. Hilburn, Jr., of Amory, Miss., employed for a one-year term in Nigeria where he will be a special project physician; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kellum Jr., of Lynnwood, Wash., appointed for evangelistic work in South Vietnam; and Miss Rita Roberts of Roanoke, Va., appointed for social work in Brazil.

Three men employed under the board's medical missions receptorship program are Randolph Duffer, student at the Medical College of Virginia here, who will go to Yemen; David Tharpe, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, to Thailand; and Donald Meier, University of Tennessee Medical School, Memphis, to Gaza.

Under the receptorship program, carefully selected medical and dental students serve eight to 10 weeks in Baptist medical institutions overseas on the invitation of the missions involved.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, outlined plans for a public commissioning service of new missionaries in Louisville on April 21 in connection with the

board's next full meeting. Cauthen told the board that "no slowdown in missionary appointments is planned for 1971." He added that the number of candidates for missionary journeyman training is the largest ever, with about 80 young persons expected to be approved by the board by April 20.

Baptist leaders in Nigeria want continued assistance from the board in missionary personnel as well as financial aid, reported H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for Africa. Goerner recently returned from a tour of missionary installations in West Africa.

A meeting with officers of the Nigerian Baptist Convention provided "a frank discussion of the problem of securing visas for new missionary personnel and the long-range prospects for continuing missionary service in that country," Goerner said.

"While fully aware of problems growing out of government policies," Goerner continued, "the convention leaders are mildly optimistic concerning the future of our joint efforts in Nigeria and do not feel that there

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## Titles Changed Of 2 Board Employees

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board changed the titles of two employees of the Board in its March meeting.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins was given the title, Executive Secretary - Treasurer. Mr. A. L. Nelson was given the title, Comptroller - Business Manager.

These changes will be presented to the Convention Board for ratification at a future date.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, Chairman of the Executive Committee stated: "This action was taken in response to a request from Mr. Nelson that Dr. Hudgins be named Executive Secretary - Treasurer."

"Mr. Nelson had been named Treasurer shortly after the death of the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board."

"On July 8, 1968, Mr. Nelson was elected Interim Treasurer, and the full Convention Board elected him as Treasurer on September 23, 1968."

"The title of Treasurer was not restored to the Executive Secretary's office when Dr. Hudgins was elected to that office."

The Executive Committee conveys its sincere appreciation to Mr. A. L. Nelson for the assumption of the role of Treasurer during and difficult days for all Mississippi Baptists, and for his splendid service to the Board and to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins during the two years he has served as Treasurer."

"Mr. Nelson's fine spirit is best described in the closing sentence of his written request. He said,

"I take this opportunity to pledge to the Board and to its Executive Secretary, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, my wholehearted warm loyalty and support without hesitation or reservation whatever; and that as he has in fact been my supervisor, he and his successors will be also."

"This splendid statement of loyalty is characteristic of the comradeship which exists among our great staff of Convention Board employees."

## Southern Baptist Convention To Emphasize Needs Of Cities

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — The proposed program for the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 1-3 at Kiel Auditorium here, will close with an emphasis on the challenge of the cities to the nation's largest Protestant-Evangelical denomination.

The proposed program outline for the convention here was released by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Scales, who was chairman of the committee for the 1970 convention in Denver, was elected chairman of the 1971 committee after Robert E. Mills, former chairman and president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., resigned.

The convention will begin at 9:15 a. m., Tuesday, June 1, and conclude at noon on Thursday, June 3. Scales pointed out that the 1970 convention voted for the 1971 sessions to start on Tuesday morning and close on Thursday, leaving the number of sessions to the discretion of the committee.

Scales said that one of the main features of the program will be the closing hour when all agencies of the convention will make a cooperative presentation on "Meeting the Challenge of the Cities of the World."

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Sunday School Board, has agreed to serve as chairman for the coordination of this emphasis on the needs of the cities, Scales said.

For the first time this year, Baptist students will have a spot on the program, with a multi-media presentation on what youth are trying to do through the church. The students, led by a group of state Baptist Student Union Presidents, requested, and were granted, 20 minutes on the Wednesday morning program.

The two major addresses scheduled each year during the convention—the president's address and the convention sermon—will be featured during the two evening programs, which will also emphasize home and foreign missions.

John Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will deliver the conven-

tion sermon on Tuesday night following an hour-long presentation on home missions.

Carl E. Bates, president of the 11.8 million-member convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will speak Wednesday evening, just before an hour-long presentation on foreign missions.

Climax of the Wednesday night session will be a joint commissioning service for home and foreign missionaries of the SBC Scales said.

A total of nearly five hours will be

devoted to conducting the business of the denomination, compared to 1970's six hours and 1969's 3 1/2 hours.

Most of the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to business, including actions on recommendations from the SBC Executive Committee, election of officers, introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions, and receiving and acting upon reports and recommendations from SBC agencies and related organizations.

An hour on Tuesday afternoon, compared to only 10 minutes last year, will be devoted to agency reports and recommendations.

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## Carlson Honored On His Retirement From BJC

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs during its semi-annual meeting here honored C. Emanuel Carlson on the occasion of his retirement after 17 years as executive director of the public affairs agency. Carlson's retirement begins April 1.

A successor to Carlson has not been named. Until one is chosen, John W. Baker, associate executive director, will continue to serve as acting director. Other executive staff members of the public affairs office are W. Barry Garrett, director of information services, and James M. Sapp, director of correlation services and editor of Report From the Capital.

Carlson, a native of Canada where he was born to Swedish immigrant parents, came to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in January 1954 from Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn. For a number of years he had taught at the four-year liberal arts college and was dean of the school when he was named successor to J. N. Dawson as head of the public affairs agency.

Porter W. Routh, secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of

the Southern Baptist Convention and member of the Public Affairs Committee, represented Southern Baptists at the banquet honoring Carlson. Routh presented Carlson with a Distinguished Service Award plaque and a copy of a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee as its September 1970 meeting.

In the resolution from the SBC Executive Committee, Carlson was praised for his "sterling quality of Christian."

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## Mississippi Baptist Seminary

## Dr. T. B. Brown To Be Inaugurated April 9



DR. T. B. BROWN

Dr. T. B. Brown, of Jackson will be inaugurated April 9 as the fourth president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Inaugural ceremonies will be held in the auditorium of the Seminary, located at the corner of Delta Drive and Ridgeway in Jackson, beginning at 7 p. m.

Dr. Brown succeeds Dr. Wm. P. Davis, of Jackson, director of the Department of Work With National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Rev. W. T. Guice, of Gulfport, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary National Alumni Association, will be master of ceremonies.

The program will be concluded with the inaugural address by Dr. Brown. The Challenge will be delivered by Dr. Emmanuel McCall, associate secretary, Department of Work With National Baptists, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The Occasion will be brought by Rev. Dick Brogan, of Cleveland, director of education and promotion for the Seminary.

The inauguration participants will include Dr. Davis and Dr. George Purvis, Jackson physician and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

Scripture will be read by Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgeway Baptist Church, Jackson, and Rev. L. V. Powell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winona.

The invocation will be brought by Rev. Leon B. Bell, pastor Hyde Park and New Mt. Zion Baptist churches, Jackson.

Special music will be rendered by the Mt. Helm Baptist Church choir of Jackson.

Dr. Brown is a native of Brookhaven and a former public school teacher and administrator and pastor of Baptist Churches in the state for more than twenty-five years, is now pastor of the Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson, State Director of Baptist Student Work, Academic Dean of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, fourth vice-president of the General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, and an active member of Phi Beta Sigma and Phi Delta Kappa.

He is a graduate of Alexander High School, Brookhaven; Jackson State College, B. S. Degree; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, M. A. Degree; New Orleans Baptist Seminary, B. D. Degree; Mississippi Baptist Seminary, D. D. Degree.

Dr. Brown is active in many civic

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## SBC Cooperative Program Gifts For 1971 Are Up 9.4 Per Cent

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program for the first two months of 1971 increased by 9.4 per cent over gifts for the same period in 1970, a financial report from the denomination's Executive Committee here disclosed.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, called the increase "very encouraging."

For the first two months of the year, Cooperative Program contributions totaled \$5.4 million compared to \$4.9 million in 1970, an increase of \$464,508 or 9.4 per cent.

During the month of February, Co-

operative Program contributions were \$2.4 million, an increase of \$123,512, or 5.3 per cent. In January, the increase was about 13 per cent.

Routh said, however, that to get a realistic picture, the January and February increases should be combined with a decrease of six per cent during December of 1970.

"The fact that the average increase for December, January and February shows a 4.7 per cent increase indicates a decided upswing in stewardship and continued confidence in programs made possible through the Cooperative Program," Routh said.

In order to meet the total operating

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is a deliberate effort to phase out all Christian missions.

"We can anticipate a wholesome and desirable increase of self-support and independence on the part of the Baptists of Nigeria," he said, "but there will be need and opportunity for assistance from American Baptists for some years to come, especially in the more highly specialized fields."

Even specialists must be content with roles as servants rather than supervisors, to work alongside and often under the direction of their African colleagues. Goerner told the board. For those who go "in a true spirit of Christian humility and service, the door will long remain open," he said. "We should by no means conclude that the day of opportunity in Nigeria is ending because of current visa problems."

Goerner's month-long tour in West Africa also included in inspection of the new Baptist center in Dakar, Senegal; a meeting with missionaries and national Baptist leaders in Liberia; dedications of new church buildings in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Lome, Togo; and meetings with missionaries in Ghana and Dahomey.

A trend has developed for the use of the word "mission" to displace "missions." Overseas Division Director Winston Crawley told the board members. The shift "from missions to mission" implies that in the past the spread of the gospel was understood as the responsibility of a few people to go out from Christian lands to

"heathen" lands, Crawley said.

Today's understanding is that all of the people of God are involved in the mission of the church, that Christendom is now diffused throughout the world, and that the entire world is a mission field, he continued.

The phrase "from missions to mission" is valid and valuable, said Crawley, but he said he believes it can be misleading. The use of the word "missions" should be retained, and people should understand how mission and missions are related.

The word "mission" expresses an idea, a general truth, whereas "mission" stands for specific actions as practical expressions of that truth, said Crawley. The terms should be kept in dynamic relationship to each other instead of being polarized, he added.

"From missions to mission" expresses the fact that in early years missions were overemphasized to the neglect of mission, said Crawley. "It is dangerous if it now leads any to overemphasize mission and neglect missions," he said.

"If everybody feels sent to the world in general but no one is sent anywhere in particular, the very mission of the church is rendered sterile," Crawley concluded. "The general mission of all God's people to all the world must be made concrete and effective through many specific sendings of specific people to specific places—that is, through missions, he concluded.

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and educational organizations. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Brown, is an English instructor in the public schools of Jackson.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary, a system of centers strategically located throughout the state, was founded in 1953.

It is a state chartered school of religious education, operated by a 22-member board of trustees composed of 50 percent white and 50 percent black.

The white trustees are members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The black trustees are members of the several National Baptist Conventions in the state. The state headquarters is located in Jackson.

There are 35 schools or extensions. Each is directed by a dean and a board of trustees. The trustees must be fifty percent white and fifty percent black. Each center is under the immediate control of the local board of trustees.

The Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, located near Memphis, on a 250-acre campus, founded in 1953, is a unit of the Seminary.

It reaches above 25,000 people per year. Since its beginning, there have been 11,200 professions of faith and 2,448 dedications to Christian vocations.

Mississippi Baptist Seminary sponsors Baptist work with college students, camps, Vacation Bible schools, Bible institutes, and leadership conferences.

Since 1943, it has reached through these activities 818,733 children and young people exclusive of adults. Its ministry reaches thousands of people through revival meetings, evangelism conferences, Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Usher and Woman's Missionary Union Conferences. Through these activities the Seminary has reached more than a million people since 1943.

Mississippi Baptist Seminary has trained 36,718, graduated 2,000 ministers and 3,000 lay-workers (both men and women) since 1943.

It is jointly sponsored and financed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and National Baptists and friends in Mississippi.

It depends for much of its support on the love and free-will offerings of local churches and associations.

## Carlson Honored . . .

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statesmanship."

"His scholarship and skill have opened the way for enlightenment and new understanding in the complex area of church-state relations," the resolution continued. "His leadership and diplomacy have been major factors in maintaining a high level of prestige for the Baptist witness in this field," declared the Executive Committee in its resolution.

Praise for Carlson's work in church-state relations came also from a spokesman from the Lutheran Council in the USA. Robert E. Van Deusen, representing other denominational groups involved in public affairs here in the nation's capital, paid tribute to Carlson's effectiveness in getting other denominations with similar goals to work together. Van Deusen is director of the office of public affairs for the Lutheran Council, an agency similar to the Baptist Joint Committee.

In addition to tributes from the staff and the committee, and the presentation of a gift of appreciation, the March 1971 issue of Report from the Capital was dedicated to Carlson. In it Editor James M. Sapp described Carlson as "a superb Baptist statesman."

In a profile of the retiring Baptist executive, Sapp said in Report From the Capital that "Baptist denominational leaders would agree almost to a man" that Carlson has helped, as much as any among them, "to focus in on the biblical basis of Baptist concern for religious liberty, the meaning of Baptist insights for public policy today and the analysis of Baptist institutional policies in the light of theological premises."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is made up of nine Baptist denominations in North America. In addition to the Southern Baptist Convention, these are: The American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Inc., North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Heart disease greater in women smokers. Between the ages of 45 and 54, the woman who smokes a half a pack or more of cigarettes has a twice the risk of developing heart disease as the non-smoking woman.



## Another Picture Of George Hook

MISSIONARY GEORGE D. HOOK led countless Bible study groups of Navajo leaders, such as this one at Leuppe, Ariz. with Mary Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Walta'el Begay. (Home Board Photo)

## Cover Photograph Plays Role In Unusual Drama

The moment was filled with curiosity and warmth, as smiles creased the usually stoic faces. The photographer captured the rapport between Missionary George Hook and the Navajo couple, Charlie and Fannie Cosby.

The occasion was the presentation of a tape player and cassettes carrying the gospel in Navajo. The blind woman fondled the player in her lap, laughing at the method of operation.



Mrs. Doris D. Monroe, consultant, ministry to exceptional persons, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be one of the featured program personalities for the five-state Workshop for parents and workers with mentally retarded to be held at the First Baptist Church in Jackson March 29-31.

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Following the pattern of the 1970 convention, the committee on resolutions will make two reports on recommended resolutions to the convention—one Wednesday morning and another Thursday morning.

The Thursday afternoon session will feature an address on theological education by Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and an address by the president of the Baptist World Alliance, V. Carney Hargroves, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Germantown, Pa.

There will be no convention session on Wednesday afternoon, providing time for seminary alumni luncheons and other related meetings.

Music for the convention will be directed by William E. Jarvis, minister of music for First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. Organist will be Albert Travis, assistant professor of music, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas; and pianist will be David Gibson, associate professor of music, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

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# New Law Protects Against Smut Mail

By J. Clark Hensley  
Christian Action Commission  
Mississippi Baptist Convention

Since February 1, 1971, you can take advantage of a new law to protect you and your family from receiving sexually oriented advertising in the mails. The Post Office Department was organized to process one million applications the first day but only had six thousand across the United States.

You are urged to take advantage of this law 39 US Code 3010. Here's how it works:

You list your name with the Postal Service on a form secured from your Postmaster, stating that you wish not to receive any sexually oriented advertisements through the mails. You may also list the names of any of your children under 18 years old who live with you or who are under care, custody, or supervision.

The Postal Service compiles a Reference List of such names and makes the list available, at a fee, to mailers. The law prohibits any commercial solicitation of names on the Reference List.

After 30 days from the date your name is added to the Reference List, any mailer who sends you a sexually oriented advertisement subjects himself to both civil and criminal legal action by the U. S. Government.

The new law defines a "sexually oriented advertisement" as any advertisement that depicts, in actual or simulated form, or explicitly describes, in a predominantly sexual context, human genitalia, any act of natural or unnatural sexual intercourse, any act of sadism or masochism, or any other erotic subject directly related to foreplay.

Material otherwise within the definition of this subsection shall be deemed not to constitute a sexually oriented advertisement if it constitutes only a small and insignificant part of the whole of a single catalog, book, periodical, or other work the reminder of which is not primarily devoted to sexual matters.

To add your name (and any children's names) to the list, simply fill out an Application for Listing, in accordance with the instructions:

(1) If you wish NOT to receive any sexually oriented advertisement through the mail, simply fill out Part II of the form and give it to any

## Clarke Leaders Assist In Indian Mission Work

In 1968 Therman Bryant, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, Jackson, representing the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, contacted Dr. John F. Carter, Clarke faculty, Rev. J. B. Costlow, Clarke faculty and Rev. Dolton Haggan, Home Board missionary at Philadelphia, in regard to giving lessons in Bible and church efficiency to the Choctaw pastors and church leaders in the Philadelphia area. With the exception of a few months, they have continued the work since that time.

Mr. Costlow teaches the lessons on church leadership. Dr. Carter teaches General Bible Knowledge, the Life of

Postal Service representative. Your name and those of any minor under 18 you include will be added to the Reference List maintained by the Postal Service. Each adult must file a separate application.

(2) The name that you insert in the space provided should be the name by which you customarily receive mail. You may, if you wish, file separate applications for varying forms of your name.

## Mrs. O'Hair Loses

## Again In Bid To Ban 'Space Religion'

WASHINGTON (BP) — For the second time in less than a year the U. S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a plea from Madelyn Murray O'Hair to restrain the religious practices of astronauts in space.

Mrs. O'Hair, an avowed atheist, contended the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was using federal funds for religious activities in the space flights. She charged the use of these funds as "unconstitutional" and that it violated her constitutional right of freedom from religion.

The complaint from Mrs. O'Hair opposed the "official planning, producing and staging of a religious exercise . . . and the transport of artifacts and the broadcast of religious doctrine which is not personal or spontaneous, but calculated to promote one religion over another."

Mrs. O'Hair's second appeal was based on what she described as "failure" of the lower courts to hear her argument "without independent examination." She complained that too much attention was given to the government's position and that the lower courts "erred in the abdication of their judicial responsibility as the sole determiner of the law."

In April, 1970, the U. S. Supreme Court denied Mrs. O'Hair's appeal from the Fifth District Court in Texas. That court had dismissed her complaint for the lack of a federal question. In the second denial of appeal, the Supreme Court refused, again without comment, to hear the case.

## SBC Cooperative . . .

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and capital needs for 1970 and 1971, an increase of 11.48 per cent in giving will be required, Routh said.

In addition to the \$5.4 million in Cooperative Program funds, \$11.8 million has been given in 1971 to designated world mission causes, most of it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the financial report indicated.

Designated gifts for 1971 increased \$911,507, or 8.32 per cent, for 1971 compared to the first two months of 1970.

The combined Cooperative Program and designated receipts totaled \$17.2 million, an increase of \$1.3 million or 8.65 per cent over the combined world missions gifts for the first two months of 1970.

## Revival Dates

Sunshine (Rankin): weekend revival; March 26-28; Rev. Carey Fagan, director of Youth for Christ, Jackson, evangelist; Larry Glass of Star, song leader; Rev. Vance H. Dyes, pastor.



## Youth Music Tournament Winners

The State Baptist Youth Music Tournament was held at Mississippi College recently and these students were declared the winners in their category of competition. From the left are Melita Ann Shoemaker, Clara, piano, Elise Perry, Ocean Springs organ; Paul S. Lee, Hattiesburg, organ; and Melinda Pope, Hattiesburg, voice. Sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the tournament was hosted by the music department of Mississippi College. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

# Ethiopian Officials Attend Baptist Dedication Services

ADDIS ABABA (BP)—Baptist Work in Ethiopia was formally launched in dedication services in this capital and the rural district of Menz-Gishe 200 miles to the north.

The service here celebrated the completion of two residences, an office, warehouse and guest house on a site near the city's outskirts. Program speakers included U.S. Ambassador William Hall and the vice-mayor of the city, Ato Asale.

For the ceremonies in Menz-Gishe, guests arrived in small planes from the grass airstrip near Tsai-Tsina, site of a mission clinic and hand-

craft school.

"One expected result was that the guests bought many rugs and knitted articles from the school," reported Mrs. Raymond V. Lindholm, wife of the school director.

Emperor Haile Selassie has contributed clothes to the handcraft school students' and blankets and baby clothes to mothers who come to the clinic for prenatal care, Mrs. Lindholm said.

The main part of the rural celebration was held in Mehal Meda, site of a Baptist-led community development program. There the missionar-

ies turned over a newly completed health center to the government. Dr. Sam Cannata Jr. will continue to serve at the health center in an advisory capacity, however.

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Meda, a five-minute trip, and landed on the newly prepared strip. The missionaries had provided diesel fuel for the heavy machinery that graded the landing strip.

The group ate lunch in a large tent set up for the occasion. "and it was a feast in true Ethiopian style," Mrs. Lindholm said. "Guests enjoyed 'injera,' a spongy bread, and 'wot,' various sauces with ground raw meat and chunks of raw beef and fried lamb."

She said that "the significance of these dedications can hardly be overestimated. Ministers of many govern-

ment departments were present and are now acquainted with us and our work. We feel sure they will help us in many ways."

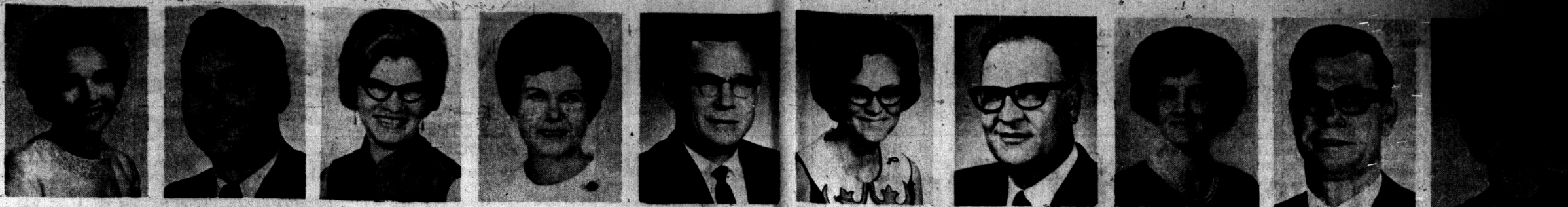
Representatives of radio, television and the press were also present: "Our mission has received much publicity," Mrs. Lindholm continued. "Previously we had heard rumors that some important officials were skeptical about our work, but after they visited us we heard nothing but hearty endorsement of our presence in the area."

On Sunday morning following the

dedication ceremonies a group of 20 priests of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church arrived at the Lindholm residence for Bible study. Priests had never come for Bible study before, Mrs. Lindholm said, although students and farmers regularly attend Sunday afternoon study meetings.

Southern Baptist missionaries began work in Ethiopia in 1968 after a year's study of the Amharic language in Addis Ababa. Currently eight couples are under assignment to Ethiopia by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.





Mrs. Harold Haden    Rev. Samuel Simpson    Mrs. Samuel Simpson    Mrs. Guy Henderson    Rev. James Gilbert    Mrs. James Gilbert    Dr. J. Clark Hensley    Mrs. Winfield Applewhite    Rev. Dalton Haggan    Mrs. Dalton Haggan

## Meet These Personalities at WMU Convention-Calvary Church, Jackson, March 23-24



### Dr. Applegate Resigns 1st, Starkville

Dr. D. C. Applegate, due to physical impairment and disability, has offered his resignation as pastor of First Church, Starkville, effective May 9.

Dr. Applegate in his resignation stated to the church: "The many years that I have been privileged to serve as a minister of the gospel have been highlighted by great experience. The greatest of these was when I was called as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Starkville, Mississippi. My services as pastor of this wonderful church began in November, 1954.

"My resignation is given with deep regret and constitutes the most difficult decision of my ministry. Words are totally inadequate to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for the unmeasurable contributions you have made to me and my family, both material and spiritual. My wife and daughter join me in expressing our warmest and deepest love for each of you, and I wish to express my gratitude to a wonderful staff of associates."

Born in Nettleton, Arkansas, Dr. Applegate entered the ministry at the age of 12, and was ordained in 1937. His pastorates have included churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. He is a graduate of Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Ark., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

His denominational service has been wide and varied. He has served on the faculty of Oklahoma Baptist Assembly; as speaker for state Baptist assemblies in Kansas, Mississippi, and Alabama; as pastor advisor for the state BSU of Mississippi; as Training Union Convention speaker in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Alabama; as speaker and teacher for training enlargement campaigns in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Oklahoma; and as faculty member at Ridgecrest.

During a South American tour in 1957, he preached in two revivals in Argentina. In 1965 he toured Europe, the Near East, and the Holy Land.

He has served as vice president of the Executive Committee of the Miss. Bapt. Conv. Board; as vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; and as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. On numerous committees, he has made valuable contributions. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for 12 years; chairman of the Committee on Nominations, Mississippi Baptist Convention, for at least three years; chairman of the Personnel Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, Mississippi Baptist Convention; member of the Long Range Study Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention; member of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Study of Southern Baptist Higher Education—Baptist Education Study Task (BEST); and chairman of the Audit-Budget Allocations Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

In addition to committees, he has also served as trustee, and on boards, of various institutions. He has been chairman of the Board of Trustees for Mississippi Baptist Seminary, as well as baccalaureate speaker for one of the seminary's graduating classes; and member of the Southern Baptist Convention Anniversary Board for six years. In his own county, he has served as moderator of the Oktibeha Association.

Mrs. Applegate is the former Katherine Rogers. They have one daughter, Sharon.

conducted seven mission Bible schools in the Rochester, New York, area, reaching approximately 750. Another mission trip is planned for this summer.

First, Aberdeen, has allowed Mr. Fancher to conduct numerous revivals because of his deep conviction that this was a vital part of his ministry. On two occasions, he was invited to preach the revival at First, Aberdeen, the second one being earlier this month and resulting in 17 professions of faith, four transfers of membership, and several rededications.

The church made possible his trip to the Holy Land in 1969 and helped make possible a trip to the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo for the Fancher family last year.

## Houston, First, Tops 1,000-Mark In Baptisms

By Robert O'Brien

HOUSTON (BP) — Spurred by a "Spreno" youth revival which has produced 4,200 professions of faith and 775 baptisms through Feb. 28, First Baptist Church here has baptized 1,069 persons during the first five months of the church year, which began October 1, 1970.

Although the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville does not keep running statistics on the record number of baptisms for a single church in a church year, SBC and Texas Baptist Convention evangelism leaders can recall no church in SBC history with more baptisms in a church year.

During the three years (1968-69) that John Bisagno, current pastor of the Houston church, led the SBC in baptisms as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., his totals ranged from 324 to 413. The highest number of baptisms for an SBC church in the decade of the '60s was 576 at Beth Haven Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., in 1969.

Research further back than that would involve months of searching SBC annuals, records and microfilm, according to the research and statistics department.

During the four-phase, three-month main thrust of Spreno—an acronym for "spiritual revolution now"—the church recorded 4,011 professions of faith and 639 baptisms, practically all among teenagers.

Two weeks later, Evangelist Richard Hogue, who led the main thrust, came back for a three night follow-up campaign at the church which attracted 800 to 1,200 teenagers each night and resulted in 189 professions of faith and 101 baptisms.

Bisagno emphasizes that numbers are important only as a yardstick for gauging the quality of a church's program of evangelistic outreach. "I'm not one of those who sneers at statistics as being shallow," he says. "Statistics aren't shallow in themselves. However, if a person's goals become number oriented alone, then statistics are shallow and self-defeating in their applications."

After an extensive period of follow-up, First Baptist Church will provide lists to other Houston-area Baptist churches in Spreno converts who do not wish to seek baptism and church membership there or in a church of another denomination.

Already, Bisagno says, spreno converts have begun turning up at other churches, Baptist and non-Baptists. "A conservative estimate is that more

than 400 have already been baptized by other churches," he said.

Bisagno notes that the converts have exerted great impact on their schools and communities. "For example, a local junior high teacher wrote to say 45 members of her history class, who were saved, have had a great impact on that school," he says. "Kids have been carrying their Bibles to school and witnessing."

The undercurrent of excitement at Spreno, punctuated by explosive outbursts of applause and spontaneous cheers, reminiscent of a championship basketball final, shattered stereotypes observers may have had about teenagers.

Minister of Evangelism Ben Loring, who organized Spreno's thrust into 45 pre-revival assemblies in Houston area schools and the comprehensive follow-up program, was impressed by this "discovery": young people did not "turn off" the church because it was an institution but embraced it in what might be called the "institutional phase" of the Jesus movement.

"Kids may have turned off the facade some churches have created, but they are not turning off the church of Jesus Christ," Bisagno adds. We accepted them as they were and presented Christ to them — and we held the banner of the church high."

"Old time religion has not failed,"

Bisagno says, "It just has not been tried."

Just about the only difference between Spreno and an old-time Charles Finney Revival, he points out, were: 1. The congregation was youth rather than adults; 2. the must had an upbeat; 3. It was not called 'revival' and 4. The evangelist's hair was three inches long.

The youngsters enthusiastically sang old standard hymns from the Baptist Hymnal and heard sermons based on hell, salvation and commitment of daily life to Christ. Invitations were tied strongly to discipleship — not just winning converts.

First Baptist Church spent \$53,500 on the Spreno campaign. All but \$1,000 of that figure was raised from men in the church or from Spreno offerings. About \$9,000 was spent on buses alone.

"Buses," says Loring, "were the lifeline of Spreno. They got the kids there. The church ran 10 bus routes within a 40-mile radius of the church. Plans are underway to purchase up to 20 buses and provide transportation for every Spreno convert who wants to come to church, as well as others."

During the follow-up phase, which has run concurrently with all other phases, First Baptist Church staffers and a trained corps of 200 laymen have visited in about 3,700 homes.

### "Miss Mississippi" To Be On Program For Pike Co. Youth Night

Pike County Youth Night will be at Osyka Church on March 20, at 7 p.m. Christine Joyce McClamrock, pictured, Miss Mississippi for 1970, will be on program for that night, and will not only speak, but will also sing.

Dr. Russell McIntire, pastor, First, Clinton, will bring a brief message, and James Bickham, music director of East McComb Church, will be in charge of the music. Mr. Bickham will bring his youth choir, and they will sing several folk songs.

After the service, refreshments will be served to all of the youth present, and then they will return to the auditorium for an informal question and answer period, with Miss Mississippi.

Rev. Richard G. Gordon is pastor of the host church.

### Rev. James Fancher To Enter Full-Time Preaching Ministry

Rev. James Fancher has submitted his resignation, effective July 1, as pastor of First Church, Aberdeen, in order to enter into a full-time preaching ministry.

In his new area of service, his special preaching ministries will include evangelistic revivals, stewardship revivals, youth emphases, family life revivals, and Bible conferences and studies.

Mr. Fancher's tenure of service as pastor of First, Aberdeen, will continue until he and his family move to the Jackson area July 1.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Mr. Fancher attended New Orleans Seminary for two and one-half years then received the B. D. degree from Golden Gate Seminary, in California.

He is married to the former Ewilda Treno, graduate of Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary, and the Graduate School of MSCW (and writer of "Beyond the Ironing Board" column in the Baptist Record).

His three sons include Bobby, who will be a freshman at Mississippi College this fall; Frank, a sophomore in high school this year; and James Neil, who is in seventh grade.

His denominational service has included six years on the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; six years on the Board of Trustees of Clarke College, and two years as chairman of that board; moderator of Jasper, Rankin, and Monroe Associations. (also he helped to organize the Feather River Baptist Association in northern California and served as its first moderator.)

Mr. Fancher moved from First Church, Florence, to First, Aberdeen, in November of 1966. Since that time 111 people have been baptized at the Aberdeen church, not including those baptized into the Hamilton Baptist Mission, which the church sponsored and which became Hamilton Church in 1970.

Cooperative Program gifts at First, Aberdeen, have increased from \$12,725 in 1966 to a budgeted \$21,000 for 1971. Total missions gifts have increased from \$22,000 in 1966 to \$31,851 in 1971. Total missions gifts have increased from \$76,223 to \$112,967. A 54-passenger bus has been bought and paid for, and a large parking lot bought and paved. The church debt has been reduced from \$74,500 to \$44,000. A vigorous youth program has been maintained. Last summer, young people from First Church, Aberdeen,

## Rankin County World Missions Conference: March 21-25

The above missionary speakers, along with thirty additional speakers, will bring some very inspirational and informative messages during the World Missions Conference, March 21-25, in twenty-six Rankin Churches — beginning with the regular worship services on Sunday, March 21, and week-night meetings at 7:00 p.m.

Laymen speaking during the World Missions Conference are: Hayes Graves, Dr. A. J. Comfort of Brandon, First; Roy Perdue, Pearson; M. F. Duncan, J. T. Laird of McLaurin Heights; Claude Townsend, Bill King and J. M. May of First, Florence; T. W. Henderson, Plemon Ming of Pearl; Thomas Clark, Eastside; Dr. M.E. Sowell, Richland Church.

There will be a special day meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 10:00 a.m., First Church, Brandon, for the people to meet the missionaries; and concluded with a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for those making reservations in advance.

Everyone is invited to bring the family and hear these and other missionary speakers at the church nearest you: Cleary, Florence, Hickory Ridge, Mt. Zion, Star, Antioch, Cato (7:30 p.m.), Puckett, Rock Hill, Robinson, Union, Brandon, First; Briar Hill, Oakdale, Sunshine, Paul Truitt, McLaurin Heights, Lake Harbor, Leesburg, Mt. Pisgah, Pelahatchie, Rehobeth, Grandview, Liberty, Pearl and Richland.

Rev. J. L. Reeves is the moderator of Rankin Association, and Rev. J. C. Renfro is Superintendent of Missions. Featured Speakers

When Russell L. Locke and his wife returned to Nigeria in 1968 after a furlough in the States, they found that they were displaced missionaries. During their absence a civil war had begun, and they were not able to return to Owerri. They went to Ogbomoso, where they taught for a year in the Baptist seminary. They moved to Benin City, where Locke has been doing general evangelistic work.

Mrs. W. W. Enete, missionary to Brazil for 34 years, retired in 1958. Associated with the Baptist publishing house in Rio de Janeiro as an illustrator and designer for 17 years, she also wrote Vacation Bible School materials and taught in Shepard Baptist College.

Rev. Charles Everitt is pastor of Bethel Church, Danville, Illinois. Prior to 1968, he had served in associational missions in Illinois and Mississippi for 19 years. He is a native of Pelahatchie, Mississippi.

Mrs. Burtlen Singleton serves with her husband under appointment by the HOME Mission Board at the Baptist Center in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee. She is a native of Alabama. She formerly served the HOME Mission Board in St. Louis and in New Orleans.

Dr. Jerry Gaultney is a medical technologist and microbiologist at the 120-bed hospital in Eku, Nigeria. He directs the hospital laboratory and trains laboratory workers who serve there and in other Baptist hospitals in Nigeria.



Russell L. Locke  
Nigeria



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Brazil



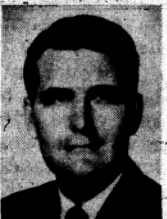
Charles Everitt  
Illinois



Mrs. Burtlen Singleton  
Tennessee



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Nigeria



S. Payton Myers  
Nigeria

Rev. Payton Myers and his wife teach in the Baptist Pastor's School

near Kaduna, Nigeria. (The students are men who want to prepare for the

ministry.) Mr. Myers is a native of Hazlehurst, Miss.



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—1971

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## EDITORIAL

### Bible Conference Points To Bible Emphasis

Thousands of Southern Baptists are this week engaged in what probably is the largest Bible Conference ever promoted by the denomination. People from all over the nation are assembled in Dallas, Texas, to participate in Bible study groups and in general meetings, in which some of America's outstanding Bible scholars, theologians, and pastors, are speakers and teachers.

This tremendous conference has been dreamed of for some years, and was brought into actuality under the direction of the Sunday School Board. This board, along with convention leaders, has recognized that Southern Baptists must continue to keep the Bible at the very center, if the denomination's efforts are to be effective, and its advance is to continue. Moreover, they have seen that millions of Southern Baptists want a program that gives emphasis to real Bible study. That has been the purpose of this week's meeting, and we are confident that its impact long will be felt all across the convention.

We hope that the meeting will make such an impression upon those who are participants, and upon the whole convention, that there shall come a new day in Bible teaching and emphasis in our churches everywhere.

Two quotations come to mind. One is found in the book *Bush Aglow* by Richard E. Day, the life story of Dwight L. Moody. The author tells of the day when Moody began to preach "just the word," and says, "He began to study the Bible on his knees. A breath from the Hills of Myrrh immediately came into his sermons. Strangely, he utterly stopped urging people to begin the Christian life by finding something to do for Christ; he now said, 'Let Christ do something for you!'... He had a heart for nothing now but the glory of the Word.... Small wonder that his preaching had that fresh April wonder of first century thinking. Small wonder that men of highest mental endowment followed him respectfully; he possessed that refinement which comes only from the Mighty Hammer and the Excellent Fire."

And then we read these words from our own Southern Baptist "Preacher of the Word," Dr. W. A. Criswell. In his book, *Why I Preach That the Bible is Literally True*, he tells of what happened when he first announced that he was going to preach straight through the Bible. Some were "fearful that the church would be ruined. What actually happened, however, was as if heaven came down to attend church with us. As I continued to preach through the Word of God, the congregation continued to grow. Finally, throngs and throngs came to wait upon the Word of the Lord. The auditorium in the First Baptist Church of Dallas is one of the largest in America. We filled it to capacity and people kept coming in increasing numbers. The people grew to esteem Bible preaching. Their every comment was one of love and appreciation.... To this present hour our people hunger and thirst for the Living Word of the Living God. We fill the spacious auditorium three times every Lord's Day. The congregation is still growing as I continue to preach the Bible. And everything else grows.... God seems to bless every part of our endeavor."

May the Bible Conference in Dallas point Southern Baptists to a new day of making the Word of God the central emphasis in all their ministry. Surely, nothing could do more for our work right now.

#### "QUOTABLES"

And all the time, whether we like it or not, we are the church, out there mingling with all sorts of people. *Martha Nelson in The Christian Woman in the Working World*, a Broadman book

Do people really matter? God says yes. And God says yes most emphatically on a skull-shaped hill outside Jerusalem.—*John F. Havlik in People-Centered Evangelism*, a Broadman book

Without enthusiasm no battles have been won, no churches built, no "illads" written, no empires founded, no religions propagated.—*Wayne Dehoney in Set the Church Afire!*, a Broadman book

Another needed strategy for the people's church is to make the gospel intelligible and believable for the people. *John F. Havlik in People-Centered Evangelism*, a Broadman book

by florists, the author offers a meditation, Bible verse, and prayer for each month, and shows how the flower of the month symbolizes an aspect of the growing Christian life.

**MAGIC IN MARRIAGE** by James H. Jamney (Zondervan, paperback, 152 pp.) A comprehensive book dealing with the basic issues of Christian marriage.

#### EDUCATION—what's happening

The university cannot permit questions of scholarship or aesthetic taste to be resolved by popular vote. I have heard it said that students in English voted to remove Shakespeare from the curriculum because he is no longer relevant, the faculty should go along. There are a lot of things wrong with that sentiment. Asking students to vote on something they have not thought very long or hard about is to put ignorance on a par with knowledge and the inexperience of youthful judgment against the experience of professional and cultivated taste. Furthermore, the principle, once legitimized, will not stop with Shakespeare.

—John H. Bunzel, president of San Jose State College, in an address to the faculty.

Yale University announced it will adopt next September a tuition Postponement Plan under which a student would be permitted to defer a substantial part of the charge for his education and pay this cost during his earning years in proportion to his income.

The Ford Foundation has announced that it is funding a major study of the "Pay As You Earn" (PAYE) plan over the next year. It defined a "PAYE loan" as a loan repaid by a student as a percentage of his future earnings rather than as a fixed dollar obligation.

THE BIBLE—"A BOOK WORTH ALL OTHER BOOKS"  
—PATRICK HENRY



Read In It Lately?



A Woman's World Reaches Far  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**

—Wilde Fancher

There's something exciting about being married to a man who—when I had just settled down for a long middle-age nap—says, "Hey, Honey, get up and put on your faith. Let's go on a new adventure!" with the same kind of assurance as he might say, "Hey, Honey, get up and put on your Sunday dress. Let's go out to eat."

It isn't as if this adventure were anything new, after all. He talked about it for years. Finally, I got to the place where we could talk about it. I even went back to school three years ago for a Master's degree so I could make more money teaching school to help us go on this adventure if he couldn't get away from the compulsion of it.

He can't. So, we're off and running, come summer, when James goes into a full-time preaching ministry. Not the purple-sequined, dinner jacket and claret-colored socks kind, just the good old black-suit kind (with maybe a colored shirt, occasionally).

It seems like madness to do what we're about to do. But it isn't madness. It's foolishness. The foolishness of preaching—divinely instituted as the way men would hear the gospel. God has given James an amazing love for preaching. He'd rather preach than to eat, and his appetite is famous (or infamous, maybe?) He'd rather preach than fish, and he'll get up at two in the morning to go fish. As we drove along the other day I said, "That surely is a pretty hill over there." He said, "You feel about hills like I feel about churches—every time you see a hill you want to build a house on it. Every time I see a church I want to preach in it."

The only reason we're doing this is because God is leading us in it. James loves me—our squabbles rarely get more serious than a disagreement about the brand of cooking oil to buy (I think a squabble over what kind of house to buy is shaping up. You know, there just aren't many ten-room houses on the market in Jackson for \$8,000.)

James loves his boys—we get along fairly fine with them. For any who don't get along fine with your children, we'll share our secret: just don't cross them. Like the time our two oldest said that when they go away to college they aren't going to cut their hair for a whole year. We said, "That's o.k. with us, but let us know where you'll be Thanksgiving and Christmas."

He likes his town—we have friends here of all classes, races, and creeds.

He loves his church—and leaving it will not be easy. Back in November when we were making ourselves decide about this he said, "Well, if someone lined up churches for me to take my pick, this would be my pick." After over four years as its pastor, mind you.

There's something exciting, too, about being able to feel, here at our age, the same thrilling joy we felt, back in our college days, in knowing we are seeking and finding God's will for our lives. Most thrilling of all is having the faith to follow His leading.

There is another feeling I remember from college days—the forlorn feeling I had the first night I slept in Jennings Hall instead of at home. James remembers that he had the same forlorn feeling over at Chrestman Hall. I expect the first night we are in that house which will be a pastorium we may have that same forlorn feeling. But it was right for us to go to Mississippi College, and the forlorn feeling lingered only briefly.

It is right for us to leave the pastorate for a sojourn at this time. I don't think God will change. I doubt that He will move us from a file marked "Pastor" to one marked "Full-time Preacher" and pencil our card in red ink, "Bless less."

Consequently, I have an idea that life in this full-time preaching ministry will be like life has been in the pastorate—gooder 'n' grits.

Underneath solemn gowns of academic objectivity, the slips of faith are always showing.—Waldo Beach

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### A Card And A Dollar For Albert Casteel

To the Editor:

I was very impressed with an editorial in the Baptist Record last week. My heart went out to Rev. Albert Casteel and his family. I am an old lady (73 years) with a very limited income, but I sent Rev. Casteel a get well card and enclosed a one dollar bill. The thought occurred to me, that if all your readers would write him and send whatever they can afford, it would make life better for his wife and four children, but best of all he would know that Christians appreciate his years of service as a missionary.

Sincerely,

Thelma Graham McCormack  
Jackson, Mississippi

### Criticizes Bulletin Cover

Dear Editor:

I wonder if you noticed the manner in which the author of, "Outside Or Inside," on the back of last Sunday's bulletin, had commenced to get a foot in the door for race mixing in the Baptist church. His name is Elmer S. West, Jr. However, your church may not have used the same bulletin. It was from the Baptist Bulletin Service.

Mr. West attempted to defend his position in a very puny way including the perverting of the Scripture. In quoting I Samuel 16:7b (whatever the-b-is for) it was stated that the man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart. This is true but any church-going twelve-year-old would immediately know that the Lord had reference to a person's action when he spoke of the outward appearance and NOT the color of the skin.

I would dare say that every true Christian, white or black, knows that it is not God's will to mix the races in any social manner and neither would push themselves on the other where they are not wanted.

It would be well if more of God's true Christians will take notice to such door openers as this and take prompt action to nip it in the bud. Also these Christians should write and demand that the promoters of race mixing be removed from responsible places where they seek to mongrelize the races.

Sincerely yours,  
D. L. Akison  
Indianola, Miss.

We should pay eloquent tribute to the creative teachers and sensitive administrators who employ every conceivable device to open the doors of learning to their young charges. It is a task that must be accomplished.—James Cass, Saturday Review

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### "The Last War"

We wish that we could be as optimistic as President Nixon about the United States and war. He is quoted as having said last week that the Indo-China war will be the last war in which the United States ever is involved.

This is a wonderful dream, and every American would like to see it come true. Certainly our government should have the support of all Americans in its efforts to make it come true.

However, at the same time, we must be realistic, and face facts as they really are. Men have been dreaming of a warless world in all of the millenniums past. According to one scholar more than 8,000 treaties, all designed to bring "permanent" peace to the world, have been signed by participating nations in the nearly 3,000 years since the first recorded one was proposed. Yet, participants began breaking them almost before the ink was dry.

Some of us cannot forget that World War I was a "war to end war," and that many of that day believed that the world's people had become too advanced in their civilization, ever to resort to battle again. Despite this, we have seen World War II, Korea, and now Viet Nam, as wars in which our own nation has been involved. Besides these, there have been many other conflicts, perhaps the principal of which is the *Mid-East conflict* which has broken out several times in the past quarter century, and now carries threats of involving the world in World War III.

There is only one source of reliable information concerning what is coming to the world. That is found in the Bible. The Holy Writ says that war will

continue on the earth until the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus himself said, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...." (Matt. 24:6-7). The prophet Jeremiah spoke words which certainly seem to be applicable to our day: "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace." Paul said in I Thessalonians 5:3 "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...." Through all the ages men's strivings for peace have been to no avail. Man's best efforts have failed, and they will continue to fail. The reason is that we live in a world of sinful men, and of Satanic action. Until men are changed, the forces which bring war will remain in the world.

This does not mean that our president should not be working for peace, for he should be, and we should be supporting him and praying for him. To dream of a warless world, however, is a human dream, based upon wishful thinking, rather than upon the facts of history, world conditions today, or the revelation of God.

The one source of peace is the Lord Jesus Christ, and there is no peace without him. The Christian can have peace even in the midst of conflict. Christ alone can bring peace, either to individuals or nations, and since there is little evidence that the world is ready to accept him, we can expect no permanent world peace until his return.

and testament of Jim Elliott, one of the missionaries killed by Aucas Indians in Ecuador. Of this book, Carl F. H. Henry said, "... more than inspirational reading; it belongs to the very heartbeat of evangelical witness."

**SONGS IN A STRANGE LAND** by Charles Hembree (Gospel Publishing House, 96 pp., paperback, \$1; gift edition, \$2.95) Inspiring devotionals particularly slanted to ones who find themselves "in a strange land" in an away-from-home situation. The Israelites in Babylon asked, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" Students, servicemen, and others away from home today will react with frustration or fulfillment. The reaction one has to his environment depends on his experience with the living Christ. As the author says, "The true saint can and will sing songs of His Saviour in a strange land."

**YOUTH FACE TODAY'S ISSUES** by William J. Krutts and Philip F. DiCicco (Baker, paperback, 123 pp., \$1.25) This is the book in the Contemporary Discussion Series that youth leaders have been asking for. Patterned after the popular Facing the Issues books, this discussion guide uses the same basic pattern: "What Others Have Said," "What Does the Bible Say?" and "What Do You Say?"

**THE RAW EDGE OF COURAGE** by Lorne F. Thompson (Baker, 199 pp., \$3.95) This is the story of a young man at war with himself. The author, pastor of First Baptist Church, Millington, Michigan, tells the story of how, when he was in prison, surrendered to Christ, and of how, when he was released from prison, found the courage to continue his education and to enter the ministry.

**CALENDAR OF FAITH AND FLOWERS** by Ruth C. Ikerman (Abingdon, \$3.25, 106 pp.) From a calendar of flowers used wide-

#### NEWEST BOOKS

### Poems From Decision Create Refreshing Commentary

**GOD I LIKE YOU** selected and compiled by Sherwood E. Wirt and Charlene Anderson, illustrated by Cynthia Miller (Zondervan, 90 pp., \$2.95) These poems by young, talented word artists communicate through free verse. Gathered from the pages of *Decision* magazine, they create "a refreshing commentary on the world of the 70's and the God who is there."

**SEE HOW LOVE WORKS**, by Walker L. Knight (Broadman, 95 pp.) A book of photographs and text on love in action in Christian social ministry. Photographer Don Rutledge has captured humanity in various striking moods, and Mr. Knight has written poetic like prose to go with the photographs. The book should stir the heart of the reader for deeper concern for those who are about him.

**THE VALUE OF LIFE** by John D. Jess (Good News Publishers, 55 pp., paper, 95c) What is a life worth that when it is considered in the light of God's creation, and the revelation of the Word? These brief, pointed messages show that life has a far deeper meaning than some people seem to give it.

**DOES GOD STILL GUIDE?** by J. Sidlow Baxter, (Zondervan, 191 pp., \$4.95) This outstanding Bible teacher is widely known in England, America, Canada, and around the world. He discusses the essentials of guidance and growth in the Christian life. He shows that God does guide, and how we may know that he is hearing and guiding us. He presses the reader as a Christian to claim God's promises for himself. Sidlow Baxter's books always are solidly based upon the Bible and provide spiritual enrichment for every reader.

**SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY** by Elmer E. Egan (Zondervan, 256 pp., paperback, \$3.95) Written by his widow, this is the life



# Can Rural Churches Still Move Forward For The Lord?

**NOTE:** In November at the state Baptist convention, Dr. Douglas Hudgins challenged the churches of Mississippi to a 10% increase in all areas of church life in 1971. As the following story shows, two years ago the Union Church, Rt. 2, Picaune, accepted a challenge to do this year. At present, they are running ahead of their own yearly goal and the one presented by Dr. Hudgins.

By Mrs. Vernell Spence  
Must open country churches die? Gloomy prophets of doom say "yes." Union Baptist Church in Pearl River Association believes that the answer

is "no." Many rural churches are closing their doors. Others are barely managing to maintain limited programs. This country church says that it is still possible and much needed that all of the Lord's people should do "more for the Master in 1971."

The pastor says, "God is alive. We should be too." And this church is. She can report the following: seeing 230-250 in Sunday School and 130-150 in Training Union weekly; seeing the auditorium packed for the morning worship service and comfortably filled at night; adding an average of more than one member per Sunday

and baptizing 30 within a year's time; seeing 120-150 in the Wednesday night prayer activities with the crowd steadily growing; giving \$2,070 to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering; experiencing a growing conviction that God will work through a people that will pray and follow Him.

Union Baptist Church is located 8 miles east of Picaune. In most ways she is a typical open country church. She has been an old (organized in 1842), traditional church made up of several large family groups. The community is a fairly stable one made up of farm-oriented people. Although opportunities for church growth have been rather limited, she has remained through the years a good, strong country church. But in the early 1960's she, like so many churches, began to experience a downward drift in influence, attendance, and outreach.

Today that trend has been reversed. The current progress for the Lord began in the fall of 1968. In September, 1968, the church called Rev. John Charles Murphy as her pastor. This was something of a unique departure for the church. Up to that time it had always had a full-time pastor. Mr. Murphy was a doctoral student at New Orleans Seminary. The church had usually had older men as pastors. Mr. Murphy was barely 28. Convinced that God was directing, the church ventured forth and called this young man.

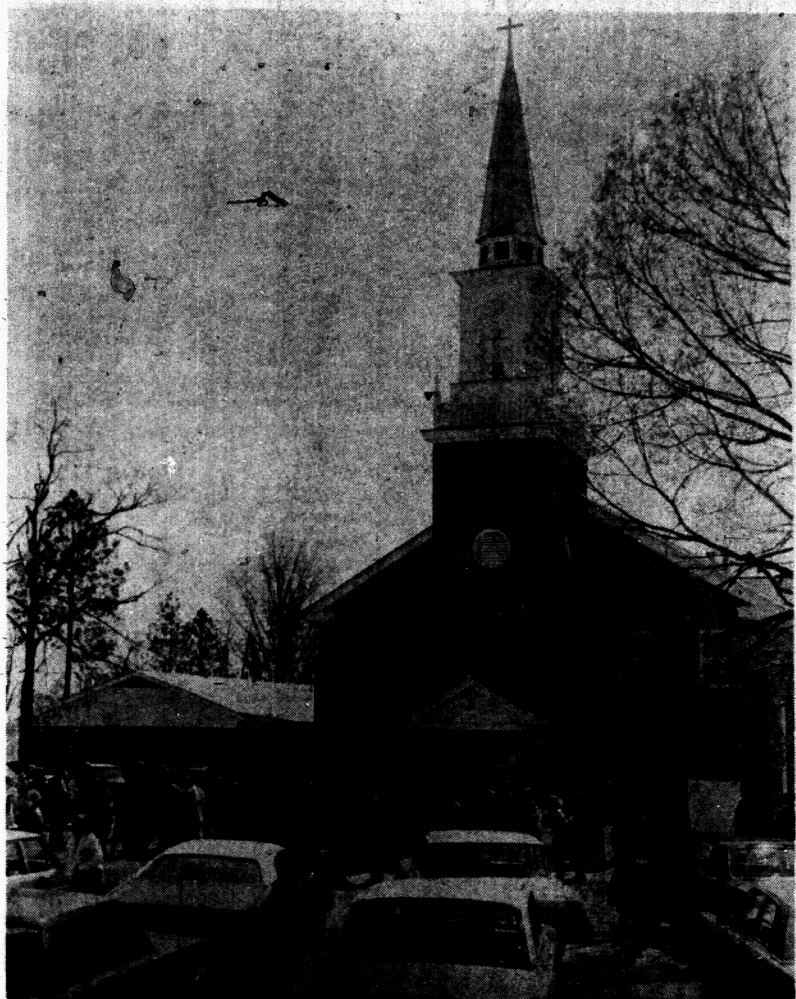
Believing that a church which would prayerfully follow the Lord Jesus could conquer for Him, the new pastor immediately began to challenge the people to move forward as an army for Jesus. He felt that if the Sunday School and the Training Union made progress, the entire church would prosper.

His vision of 125 people enrolled in Sunday School and 85 enrolled in Training Union for every 100 resident members set the stage for God to work through this church. If these people could be reached, the church would have approximately 563 enrolled in Sunday School and 383 enrolled in Training Union (In October, 1968 there were 295 enrolled in Sunday School and 190 in Training Union). This projected enrollment became the long range goal of the

church. In order to reach it, a pattern of growth was adopted based on a 10% yearly increase in enrollment and attendance. At that rate of growth the long range goal would be reached in 1975-76.

Two and one-third years after beginning this adventure with Jesus, the church has seen God bless their ef-

forts in a mighty way. Sunday School enrollment has increased 23% (284-372) while the average attendance has increased 34% (165-220). Training Union enrollment has increased 33% (190-251) while attendance has increased 44% (97-140). The conviction that progress in these two areas would lead to progress in all that the



AT UNION CHURCH, eight miles from Picaune, some of the members stop for a friendly chat following the morning worship service.



EVERY SUNDAY MORNING the auditorium at Union Church, Rt. 2, Picaune, is packed. The pastor of this vibrantly alive rural church is Rev. John Charles Murphy (shown behind the pulpit).



PICTURED are the pastor, Rev. John Charles Murphy (to the right at the end of the table) and the church council at Union (Pearl River) as they plan the work of the church.

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church does for the Lord is true. The church saw the professions of faith and baptism of them into its fellowship (an increase of 500%). Additions by transfer have increased by 113% (18). Sunday School enrollment has increased by 23% (100). Cooperative Program giving is now 19%, and total receipts have increased by 45% (last year \$61,407). The church saw a 43% increase in its Lottie Moon Christmas offering (\$1866-\$2670) and 87% increase in its Annie Armstrong Offering (\$304-\$1000).

Is the rural church dying? In some places it is. But at Rural Route 2, Box 195, Picaune, Mississippi, it is not. The pastor says, "We are on the march for Jesus. There is no cause greater than His. God is working in the hearts and minds and lives of our members. The explanation for our progress can be found in the growing conviction of our leaders that God is not dead nor doth He sleep. Our people believe that He is alive and challenging us to follow Him in world evangelization. We have a deep conviction that if we believe Him and follow Him, our future will be as exciting as is the love of Almighty God."

## Robinson Street To Celebrate 20th Anniversary

Sunday, March 28, the members of Robinson Street Church, Jackson, will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their church.

Rev. John G. McDonald, pastor, will host the founder pastor, Rev. Leonard Holloway, and the guest speaker, Rev. Billy Ray Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a former member of Robinson St.

There will be dinner on the ground and an old-fashioned sing time. The day of celebration will close with a slide presentation depicting the growth of the church. Members and friends are invited to attend.

## Revival Dates

**Meadville Church:** week-end youth revival; Mar. 19-24; a team from Mississippi College, composed of Sherrill Dillon, preacher, a senior ministerial student from Franklin County; Wiley Abel, song leader, a sophomore from Belzoni; Patricia Harwood, pianist, a freshman from Lyon; and Rita Sheffield, organist, from Jackson, will be in charge. All will share in the giving of testimonies. A youth fellowship will follow each night service. In preparation for the meeting the young people of Meadville Church are holding prayer meetings in their homes.

**Rome Church, March 24-26:** Rev. Charles Guy, pastor, evangelist; Bobby Shurden, Drew, music director; services at 7 p.m. during week; Sunday at 6 p.m.

**Ocean Springs, First: March 21-23:** Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Paul David Aultman, pastor.

**Linn (Sunflower): March 21 - 26:** Rev. C. C. Cornelius, pictured, pastor of Branch Church, Morton, evangelist; Morris Downs song leader; Rev. Dale Wilson, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school attendance goal of 110 set for March 21.

The idea of revival without power is as absurd as the thought of warmth without heat. — James E. J. Fish in *How to Win Them*, a Broadman book

**Zion Rest Church, Buckatunna:** March 21-26; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Azone Burns, Four Mile Creek, Pascagoula, evangelist; Waite Bedwell, song leader; Mrs. W. B. Bradley, pianist; Rev. Eugene E. Bradley, pastor.

**Pearson Church, Pearl: March 21-26:** Rev. Reginald Stokes, pastor of First, Pleasant Grove, Alabama, evangelist; Dan Hall, director, Church Music Dept., Miss. Baptist Convention Board, song leader; Rev. A. L. Norsworthy, pastor; weekday services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Pocahontas: March 28 - April 2:** Rev. J. C. Renfro, superintendent of missions in Rankin County, visiting preacher; Jim Brown will direct the music; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; during the week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Curtis James, pastor.

**Highland Church, Jackson:** March 21-26; 7:30 each night; Rev. Tom Hall, pastor of First Church, Amite, La., evangelist; Clayton Pope, music director. (there will be special music each night)

## Names In The News

Rev. Charles Tope, First, Biloxi, conducted evangelistic services at Wilson, Arkansas, March 7-14. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, supplied First, Biloxi, on March 14.

**Highland Church, Laurel,** ordained Dennis Smith as a deacon on February 21. Mr. Smith is with WAML radio station.

**Whitehaven Church, Memphis, Tennessee,** has called Frank Lawton as minister of education, and administrator. Mr. Lawton goes there from the Brotherhood Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, where he served as Crusader Consultant, Royal Ambassador Division. He will begin his duties with Whitehaven Church on April 15. Rev. Lewis D. Ferrell is the Whitehaven pastor.

**Aaron Reece Acklen, III,** 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ralph Acklen and the late Rev. Aaron Reece Acklen, Jr., was licensed to preach by First Church of Gauthier, on Jan. 20. A high school senior active in the church choir and youth groups, he surrendered to preach following the Jackson County Youth Crusade in the summer of 1970. He is presently a member of a religious rock musical group, FOF (Followers of God). Reece has been guest speaker at many youth meetings on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and participated in a youth-led revival in Brad, Fla. He plans to continue his education at Mobile College in the fall of this year.

**Dr. G. Ernest Wright,** professor of Old Testament and Archaeology at the Harvard University Divinity School, was a two-day visitor to Mississippi College, serving as guest lecturer in a series sponsored by the Division of Religion. In addition to his lecture program, Dr. Wright also visited in the classroom and spoke during chapel ceremonies.

**J. R. (Tip) Tipton,** a young doctoral student in the School of Church Music at New Orleans Seminary is attempting to meet the needs of people on both sides of the generation "gap" through contemporary music. Mr. Tipton is an admirer of the late Charles Ives, an American composer who pioneered many of the musical concepts which are only now being accepted in contemporary music. Tipton recently contributed an article to *The American Choral Review*, the official journal of the American Choral Foundation on the work of Ives. The article, entitled "Some Observations on the Choral Style of Charles Ives," is an analytical study of two choral works, "Three Harvest Home Chorales" and "Psalm XXIV," composed by Mr. Ives. Mr. Tipton has also written a hymn-anthem for the recent Broadman Press publication, *Gospel Sing*. Mr. Tipton, whose parents live in Hernando, is a graduate of both Louisiana State Univ. and New Orleans Seminary. His vocational goal is to teach music in college.

On Saturday, March 19, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium, the Music Department of Blue Mountain College will present *Kaye Wallace* in her senior piano recital. The public is invited to attend the recital and the reception which follows immediately and will be held in the Faculty Room of Whitfield Residence Hall. Miss Wallace will play selections from Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Milhand, and Ravel. She is the student of Robert K. Formsma, assistant professor of music at Blue Mountain. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Daniel Wallace of Slaughter, Louisiana, she was summer missionary to Guam in 1970.

**Calvary Church, Greenville,** has called Billy J. Selby, pictured, to serve as minister of education and youth. Mr. Selby earned the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and the Th. M. degree from New Orleans Seminary. For the past three years he

has served as pastor of the Philadelphia Church, Tunnel Springs, Alabama. He is married to the former Pamela Jean Wallace of Hazelhurst. They are the parents of two children, Laura, 3, and William, 8 months. Rev. Raymond A. Wilson is pastor of Calvary Church.

**William Paul Blanchard,** a licensed minister from Drew, has surrendered his life to evangelism. A team consisting of music director, pianist, and soloist, are now serving with him. A member of West Drew Church, Mr. Blanchard may be contacted there. He is available for revivals, church services, assemblies at schools, or fellowships. He may be addressed at his home, 227 Sage St., Drew, Ms. 38737, or at West Drew Baptist Church, Drew. His phone number is 745-8830.



## Retired Coach Available To Help In Youth Camps

Coach O. E. Pearson, Star, will be available to help churches and youth organizations such as Scouts, 4 H Clubs, etc., in retreats, youth weeks, camps and assemblies from June 1 through August 15, according to his pastor, Rev. A. J. Pace of Star.

After twenty years, Mr. Pearson retired from public school work in the spring of 1966. He taught at Star, Braxton, Utica, Chamberlain, Hunt, Pass Christian, Union and Carriere after receiving his B.S. degree in Social Science at the University of Southern Mississippi. He coached football, basketball, tennis, boxing and baseball.

Though converted at nineteen years of age, he developed an alcohol problem as a result of social drinking with school patrons after games. In his testimony, he refers to himself as the "town drunk." But through the influence of his pastor and layman J. P. Muse, retired sports editor for a Dallas newspaper, he was led to turn his drinking problem over to Christ. Since then he has been active in the church and in Alcoholics Anonymous. He teaches a men's Sunday School class and spends much time in counseling.

Motivated to help people, he enrolled in New Orleans Seminary "to get some spiritual background help and do some specialized studies in counseling, especially with young people, and to give particular emphasis to alcohol and drug abuse."

Coach Pearson has visual materials and other teaching helps available for conferences on drug and alcohol abuse. Pastors or youth leaders may address him at P. O. Box 504, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, New Orleans, La., before May 15.

## Revival For The Deaf

A revival meeting for the deaf will be held March 17-21 at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, with Sunday services at Jackson Church for the Deaf.

Charles A. Fanshaw, pictured, missionary to the deaf in Georgia, will be the evangelist.

Evening services will be held at Woodland Hills Church Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. Sunday services at the Church for the Deaf will be at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. The choir from the Mississippi School for the Deaf, under the direction of Mrs. Cecil Davis, will sing as both services Sunday.

Mr. Fanshaw is a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary serving among the deaf in Cave Spring, Georgia. Prior to appointment by the Home Mission Board in 1965, he was minister of education at Morningside Church, Savannah, Georgia. He was a former counselor in a California School for the Deaf in Riverside. Mr. Fanshaw is a member of the Georgia Association of the Deaf. Both he and Mrs. Fanshaw attended California Baptist College and Golden Gate Seminary. They have two children.

The services will be interpreted for hearing people so all who are interested are invited to come.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

**Aberdeen, First:** Rev. James Fancher, pastor, evangelist; Beth and R. L. Sigrest, Yazoo City; music team; 16 professions of faith; three transfers of membership by letter; eight rededications.

**Shaw Church:** March 7-12; 14 professions of faith; 3 by letter; Rev. Albert Breazeale, pastor; evangelist, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission.

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# The Anticipation Of Christ's Return: The Capstone Of The Christian's Hope

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 25:1-13; Mark 13:32-37

The anticipation of the return of Christ should be characteristic of the Christian's faith. In fact, this is the ground and capstone of Christian hope. The promise of his return at the end of the age was a major theme of Christ's teaching while he was on earth. It was a major theme of apostolic preaching. It should, therefore, become an assured conviction of Christians now and a strong element in their witness and hope. If such is to be the case, there is need for strong emphasis on New Testament teaching about preparation for the return of the Lord. Our lesson confronts us with just such an emphasis. We do not know when the time of his return will be; we are to be watchful and faithful, ready for his return at any time. \*

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

### For Peter, The Way Of Recovery Was Hard, But Paved With Love

By Bill Duncan

John 13:36-38; 18:25-27; 21:15-19

Who was Peter? Most of the time the answer you get is that he was the disciple who denied the Lord three times. There were many wonderful deeds done by Peter, but none can ever forget the terrible act of denial. It is our human nature always to remember the bad that people do rather than the good. Try to remember the good that Peter did. Have you thought that he was the spokesman for the church on the day of Pentecost when many thousands were converted? How did Peter change from the one who denied the Lord to the spokesman for the church?

There have been many of us who have denied the Lord. Why? Yet so few of us have found the way of recovery. If Peter was able to recover, I think you too can overcome your weakness.

**The Evidence of Weakness**  
Peter, like so many, longed for a place of service that would fill a position of greatness. Perhaps confidence in one's ability without the help

of God causes more of us to experience defeat than anything else. In John 13:36-38, Peter boasted that he would remain true even if all others forsook Jesus. This self-confident boasting exposes the weakness.

Betrayal of a friend is certainly one of the most despicable actions known to man. The disciples were unsuspecting of who would do such an act. Therefore, Jesus used the occasion of the announcement of the betrayal to announce that he would die and be raised from the dead. In this new situation the disciples are given a new commandment that they are to love one another. The relationship between the disciples will give evidence of dedication to the Lord. The announcement that he was to leave made Peter think he was about to be left and so he volunteered to go with Jesus wherever He was going. Confidently Peter said he would lay down his life for the Master.

But living in obedience to Jesus Christ requires more than a personal intention to obey: no man is good enough or strong enough to walk with the Lord in his own human nature and strength. This is an important lesson that Peter will learn the hard way in a few hours.

When the crowd came to arrest Je-

sus, all the disciples scattered, even Peter. However, while Jesus was being abused in the court, Peter was standing around with the men who had arrested him. Peter's attitude toward the Lord and his actions reflected the influence his companions around the fire had on him.

**At midnight there was a cry announcing the arrival of the bridegroom. The five wise virgins trimmed the wicks of their lamps and were ready. The five foolish virgins discovered that their oil was exhausted and that their lamps were going out. They sought in vain to borrow, but the five wise virgins had no oil to spare. The truth implied and so clearly meant is that one individual may not borrow from another to be ready for Christ's coming; one must be ready through oil obtained in advance.**

**NEGLECTED PREPARATION (vv. 6-12)**  
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**WATCHFUL WAITING (v. 13)**  
The urgency calling for immediate preparation is that we "know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." The certainty of the Lord's return but the uncertainty as to the time is sufficient to compel any person, with wisdom about eternal values and with sensitive aware-

ness of his own spiritual need, to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ with penitence and trust. The greatest folly, the greatest failure, and the greatest perversity is to resist stubbornly the loving entreaties of God in Christ and to trust carelessly the sobering warning that the door of opportunity may close with death or the time of spiritual decision may be lost forever.

**Tricks to Live By**  
Preparation for Christ's coming requires faith and faithfulness. — The parable we have studied emphasizes the truth by clear implication rather than direct statement. The grace of God which brings salvation has appeared, "teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13). We are answerable to God, and we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for the deeds of this life. This should be motivation to be faithful in the Christian vocation, which means faithfulness in matters of moral behavior, faithfulness in service to the cause of Christ, faithfulness in worship and fellowship with the people of God, and faithfulness in zealous efforts to persuade other persons to accept the gospel of salvation and to receive with faith the free grace of God in Jesus Christ.

**Expectation of Christ's coming** inspires zeal and hope. — The day of the Lord, so central in the prophetic message of Israel and so clearly taught by the apostle, is surely coming. The more firmly our hope is anchored in spiritual expectation of the victory of the kingdom of God, the more likely we shall be quickened with zeal for the work of Christ. There is excitement in anticipated victory. It is this truth which should inspire Christians to break away from the deadening and contaminating forces of spiritual compromise and the corrupting pleasures of secularistic and immoral practices to give themselves in full devotion to the exploits of the kingdom of God. Now is the time to give ourselves in fullest commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the coming of his kingdom of righteousness.

**Indifference to Christ's warning** brings irrevocable judgment. — The time does come when the door is shut. For a given individual, the time of opportunity passes. It may be brought on by a hopelessly hardened and unbelieving heart. Or it may come through some tragedy or the result of fatal disease or the crippling power of some sinful habit or through the snare of some cynic's influence. The fleeting time of opportunity may overtake one almost unawares. For this reason, Christ's warnings are repeated and clear. If one will not hearken, there is no alternative to judgment.

## Music Missionaries To Celebrate 20th Anniversary; Set Of Handbells To Be Given Colombian Mission

This April will be the twentieth anniversary of the appointment of Southern Baptists' first music missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orr, to Colombia.

Mr. and Mrs. Orr are currently on furlough. Bill Pearson, minister of music of Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Dr. James E. Coggins, pastor, are planning a service of worship and of celebration of the anniversary to be held at Travis

Avenue on April 25. The Orrs are members there.

A fund has been established to purchase a set of handbells for the Colombian mission in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the Orrs' appointment. The Colombia mission is currently requesting its third music missionary, and with those nationals already trained by the Orrs, a handbell set would be a valuable contribution to their "musical mission strategy."

Morrison's Food Service.

At 1:15 there have been scheduled campus tours and conferences for students who are interested in conferring with faculty in a given area of study. Persons equipped to deal with financial problems will also be on hand to discuss scholarships, and financial aid. Dr. Joe Ernest, academic vice-president, will be happy to discuss the special Honors Program with students in the higher academic ratings. The entertainment highlight of the day will be a special musical performance in Thomas Hall at 3 p. m. by the famous Strawberry Alarm Clock group.

## Carey Plans Special Spring Prospective Student Day Mar. 20

William Carey College will hold a special "Spring Prospective Student Day" on Saturday, March 20, on the Hattiesburg campus. Students from high schools and junior colleges are invited.

Beginning with registration at 9 a. m., students will be greeted by members of the student body and faculty. At 9:30 there will be a session of welcome and introduction in Wilkes Dining Hall. At 10:00 a. m. there will be a coffeehouse; also in the Wilkes Dining Hall, where a variety of musical happenings will occur. Simultaneously at 10 a. m. there will be a baseball game on the ball field between Carey Crusaders and Whitworth College for those who prefer sports to music. At 11:30 the dining hall will be open and all registered visitors will be guests of the college. Carey's cafeteria is under the management of

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Anyone wishing to make a contribution should send it as soon as possible to Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth. Checks should be made payable to "Music Mission Fund" and sent to: Mr. Bill Pearson, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, 3041 Travis Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

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## Holly Springs Homecoming

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, March 21.

Rev. Hilton Lane, a former pastor of the church, will preach the morning message. Singing will be the feature of the afternoon. The public is invited.

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## Devotional

## A Word From The Sentenced

Luke 23:42

By J. Roy McComb, Pastor, Sardis Church, Sardis

There were three men on crosses at Dead Man's Hill that day. This is the last known request of one of them. Everybody has heard of him. He is like David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion's Den, the Wise Men or the Shepherds. Yet this man is about as historically obscure as a man can be without getting lost completely. We know practically nothing about him except this request. Here is expressed faith in all its beauty. Listen to the last known words of this man sentenced to death beside Jesus.



Before us in his request is a word of wonder. Do you not feel the vibration of this first word as it speeds through the mind and settles deep into your heart. What a word! What wonder! "Jesus (Lord)" is the word. This man looks upon the dying face of Jesus, but in it he sees the wonder of the ages—LIFE. This man did not ask to be delivered from the cross, but from his own corruption. He continues to repeat this request to Jesus. All are criminals of one kind or another. Yet open to all is the door of faith which leads into the chambers of the Risen Lord and salvation.

Next there is expressed a word of willingness. "Remember me" pleads this malefactor. All self confidence is gone. He confesses his own self inadequacy. He admits that responsibility is an individual matter. He is guilty of his crimes. He must accept personal responsibility for them. Thus he does not say, "Remember the other criminal; or the ones standing around here, but 'remember me.'" In the final analysis every person must begin with himself if there is to be any help or hope for him. This man accepts his personal responsibility and at the same time is willing to place himself into the personal care of Jesus. So must it be with each of you. Are you willing to faith Jesus?

Lastly, there is a word of witness. Few men leave such witness behind them in their dying words. This one who has faith in Jesus bears witness. The expression "when you come into your kingdom" denotes His Messianic return with divine splendour and royal majesty some time after His death. Here a dying man dying with Jesus witnesses to His endless life. What a witness from a tree! What a reward he received from Jesus (v. 43)! How is your witness for your Jesus?

Three men shared death upon a hill,  
But only one man died;  
The other two —  
A thief and God Himself—  
Made rendezvous.

## Called to Columbia

First Columbia, has called Billy Jack Green as minister of music. Mr. Green, who holds the B. A. and B.D. degrees from Mississippi College and N.O.B.T.S. respectively, began his official duties as director of music at Columbia, First on Feb. 28.

He is married to the former Ruby Lee Grant of Columbus. They have one daughter Lee Ann, two, and are expecting another child in June. Green has served churches in Alabama, California, and Mississippi. He moved to Columbia from Daniel Memorial in Jackson.

Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, announces that Mr. Green completes for the first time at First, Columbia, a staff of three full-time ministers. Bill Wilkinson is minister of education.

## Resolution Pays Tribute To Late Deacon, Mr. Chance

"On October 26, 1970, Jessie Chance died. Mr. Chance was dedicated to the Lord's church, having served in the capacity of deacon for more than fifty-five years, and as superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years. He was highly regarded by the entire Jeff Davis County community in which he lived, and was dearly loved by those who knew him best. At the time of his death he was a member of Bethany Church.

The Bethany Baptist Church, Prentiss, Jefferson Davis County, has adopted a resolution expressing to God their respect and appreciation for the life of this man who allowed God to use him.

## Friendship Calls Pastor

Rev. Ray G. Ware has recently accepted the call from Friendship Church in Oktibbeha County to serve as pastor.



Mr. Ware attended Blue Mountain College while serving the Algoma Church in his native county of Pontotoc. Other places of service: assistant pastor of First, Pontotoc, and pastor of Shiloh in Chickasaw Association.

Mrs. Ware, the former Charlene Clements, is a graduate of Mississippi State University and taught in the Algoma school for 2 years.

The Wares have one daughter, Marie; they have been on the new church field since February 10.

## Religious Ed Club Collecting Coupons For California Boy

The Religious Education Club of Mississippi College is conducting a drive to collect Betty Crocker Coupons for Tommy Davis, a four-year-old of San Jose, California, to exchange for a kidney machine. He may need it at any time, and he will need it in order that he may live. The total amount needed is 800,000 coupons. The deadline set by General Mills is May 31, 1971.

"This need is urgent! We ask all concerned persons to save these coupons and send them to us. We in turn will send them to Tommy. Also if you want us to pick them up please phone 924-7354. Please send your coupons in care of Miss Polly Hull, P. O. Box 969, Clinton, Miss. 39056," states Wesley Yates, president of the club.

A full story concerning Tommy Davis was carried in the March 4 issue of the Baptist Record, on page 8.

## Zion Rest Reports Growth

Zion Rest Church, Buckatunna, was organized in 1906 as a half-time church, and remained so until May, 1970, when they called a full-time pastor, Rev. Eugene E. Bradley.

Since the church went full-time, they have had two professions of faith, and four additions by letter. Also they have begun participation in the Cooperative Program, giving .10 per cent quarterly.

The church held two revivals last year, and plans for this year, according to Pastor Bradley. One will be held March 21-26. (See the "Revival Dates" column.)

## Mary Elizabeth Atkinson

## Carey Grad Arrives In Vietnam For Assignment With Red Cross Clubmobile

A William Carey College graduate Mary Elizabeth Atkinson, of New Orleans La., has arrived in Vietnam for her new assignment as a member of the Red Cross Clubmobile program.

Red Cross Clubmobile girls conduct audience participation programs for American servicemen in Vietnam, operated from fixed centers on military

installations or in units which travel to remote firebases — by jeep, truck, helicopter, and boat.

The centers provide a place for off-duty servicemen to get a cup of coffee, play cards or ping-pong, read or just talk.

Miss Atkinson received her bachelor's degree in sociology from William Carey College in 1968 and her

master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1970. During the past year, she was graduate assistant and part-time instructor at the university.

During the summer of 1970, Miss Atkinson was a Red Cross volunteer at Camp Shelby, Miss.

## Jackson Pastor In Alaska Crusade

Rev. W. Benton Preston, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, Jackson, left Jackson March 17 for Alaska where he will participate in special activities marking the 25th Anniversary of Southern Baptist work in that state.

Mr. Preston will be the evangelist for the Eielson Park Baptist Church in Fairbanks in a statewide Simultaneous Crusade for two weeks ending April 3.

He left in time to also attend the Alaska State Baptist Evangelism Conference held March 18-19 in Anchorage.

## State Young Musicians' Choral Festival Participants Are Urged To Pre-Register

The Mississippi State Young Musicians' Choral Festival (formerly called the State Junior Choral Festival) will be held April 3 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

Guest conductor for the festival will be Gerald Armstrong, (pictured) of the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Ages included in this choral event will be 4th, 5th, and 6th graders (optional will be 12-year-olds, or 7th graders who may be in this same choir in some churches).

Registration cost will be \$1.00 and this includes lunch. The "snack lunch" will be served by the concession company under contract at the Coliseum. This \$1.00 per person may be paid by the director when his group is registered on arrival. The lunch includes hamburger, drink, candy bar, chips.

The festival schedule will be as follows: 9:30-10, registration; 10-10:15, seating; 10:15-11:30, rehearsal; 11:30-

12:15, break, snack lunch; 12:15-1, rehearsal feature and concert.

It is very important that the directors pre-register their groups, notifying the Church Music Department of the number to attend. Send in this pre-registration by March 20 to Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

Those planning to attend are urged to clip and return immediately the following form to the Church Music Department:

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## Mississippians To Preach In Alaska Crusade

The following men from Mississippi will serve as evangelists during the 25th anniversary crusade in Alaska, March 21 - April 1, and will also be attending the statewide evangelism conference in Anchorage March 18-19:

Rev. Charles L. Taylor, McComb, for Salcha Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska; Rev. Benton Preston, Jackson, for Eielson Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska; and Rev. Lynnwood Porter, Louisville, for Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau, Alaska.

This crusade is under the direction of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

## To Present Concert At 2nd, Indianola

Edwin Sudduth will present an organ and piano concert at Second Church, Indianola, on the evening of March 24.

Rev. Donnie L. Stewart, pastor at Second, Indianola, and Bob Koonce, minister of music and youth, invite the public to attend this concert.

Mr. Sudduth, a native of Durant, graduated from Durant High School and continued his study at Holmes Junior College. He then went to Mississippi College where he graduated with a B. A. degree in music in 1962.

Mr. Sudduth began to indicate, at an early age, his unusual talent for music. He began to play the piano at the age of four. His formal music training began when he was nine.

He has served as church organist for First Church, Kosciusko and First Church, Gulfport. He also has served as interim minister of music at Emmanuel Church, Grenada. Since April 1968, he has served with the James D. Watson Evangelistic Association, as instrumental evangelist.

In 1968, he participated in the Great Lakes Evangelistic Crusade in Chicago. For a number of years he has been featured as pianist for the State Evangelism Conference. He has also been the accompanist for a number of records including "The Singing Churchmen of Mississippi."



Cophia Pastors, Deacons Hear Mr. Cooper At Supper

Owen Cooper, president of Mississippi Chemical Corporation of Yazoo City, and past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was speaker for the annual Pastor-Deacon Fellowship Supper of Cophia County Association. Two hundred fifty persons from sixteen Cophia churches attended the supper at the cafeteria of Cophia-Lincoln Junior College. Mr. Cooper interspersed humor throughout his speech to aid in conveying his message. And his message was that the men of the churches should be involved in a definite and dynamic way in the ministry of the churches. He cited statistics showing the number of and the potential of the deacons in the 34,000 Baptist churches of the USA. In down-to-earth terms he indicated how men could be involved in missions and stewardship. Then he challenged the men to do it. Rev. Perry Culver, pastor of Strong Hope Church, is moderator of Cophia Association.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Rev. Perry Culver, moderator, Cophia Association; Rev. Bruce Parrish, President, Pastors Conference of Cophia Association; Owen Cooper, the speaker; Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Member; Rev. Eugene L. Roberts, superintendent of missions of Lincoln and Cophia Association.

## Slayers Of Missionaries, Now Christians

Two of the Auca Indians who were involved in the murder of five American missionaries fourteen years ago, and who have since been converted, visited this country February 15-24, and gave their testimony in the major cities across the United States. Accompanied by their interpreter, Wycliffe Bible Translator Rachel Saint, who won them to Christ they appeared in the following Southern Baptist Churches: First Church, Memphis, Tenn.; First Church, Houston, Texas; and Emmanuel Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Saint's brother, Nate, was one of the five men murdered by the Aucas. After his death Miss Saint who was working in Ecuador under

Wycliffe, determined to complete her brother's mission. With the assistance of an Auca Indian girl, who had fled her tribe after the murders and came to the mission compound, Miss Saint studied the language, translated a portion of the New Testament and won the girl to Christ. She returned to her tribe and won others. This story is related in one of the more thrilling accounts of missionary endeavor in modern times in the book, *Dayuma*, published by Harper.

The tour was sponsored by Wycliffe Associates, an organization of laymen who support the work of Bible Translation throughout the world being carried on by Wycliffe in 500 different minority language groups.

## Off The Record

Son in college was applying pressure for more money from home. "I cannot understand why you call yourself a kind father," he wrote, "when you haven't sent me a check for three weeks. What kind of kindness do you call that?"

"That's unremitting kindness," wrote the father in his next letter.

Said the polite lady in the movie to the person seated behind her, "Do you want me to remove my hat?" "Please, don't," came the reply. "It's funnier than anything I can see on the screen."

After a particularly trying day, two teachers were discussing their hectic lives over coffee in the faculty lounge. Said one, "If there's anything to this business of reincarnation, I'd like to come back as a childhood disease."

A man's character is like a fence; it cannot be strengthened by whitewash.

Matrimony was probably the first union to defy management.

Lady — "Have you ever been offered work?"

Tramp — "Only once, m a d a m. Aside from that I've met with nothing but kindness."

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"Five years younger than the lady next door."

"Well, what age is that?"

"Ask her first!"

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## Rankin Baptist Mission To Hold First Service

The first service of the Rankin Baptist Mission will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Sunday, March 21. The church is located in Forest Point Subdivision on the Barnett Reservoir.

Rev. J. C. Renfro, director of missions for Rankin County Association, will be the speaker. The public is invited to come and share in the inspiration of this first service at the new Rankin County church.